

Recreation Committee Mins - 04/29/2008

Hopkinton Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes April 29, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:08 PM at the Slusser Senior Center.

Members in attendance: Louise Carr, Valerie Carr, Vernon Miller, Selectmen Jim O'Brien (arrived at 6:30pm) and Recreation Director Justin La Vigne. Guests were Merle Dustin, Mark Newton and Jessica Shimen. ~

Approval of 3/25/08 Recreation Committee minutes:
The minutes from 3/25/08 were approved.

Business:

Justin updated the committee about the status of Summer day camp and Kimball Pond. He has hired a new camp director and some counselors. There are offers out there for other counselors. He will meet with the new camp director next week to discuss camp operations. Lifeguards for the pond are being hired with three returning from last year. There will be a new floating dock in the middle for lifeguards to watch the trampoline.

Justin was pleased to see that we had two potential members attend this meeting. He is still advertising for members and asked the current members to look also.

Justin updated the committee that the Senior Recreation Committee is looking for members.

Justin updated the committee that the potential internship did not work out as the student never returned calls or emails. He will look into the opportunity again next year.

Justin recognized that Louise Carr did a wonderful job with the Recreation Goals and Bylaws update. She presented these to the selectmen at a meeting and the selectmen were very happy with what the Recreation Department is

doing. Louise said that it was good that all Committee chairs met with the Selectmen.

Programs Update:

Stars on Ice – Justin reported all but three tickets sold for the event and Louise said the event was great! It was suggested that next time we offer a package maybe set up a car pool form for people to go together.

Indoor Yard Sale – Justin reported that it was a huge success with all tables selling out and a waiting list for more tables. Over 200 people attended. It was suggested that the event could be moved to accommodate more tables (Senior Center, High school). It was also suggested to co-ordinate one with the church.

Summer Brochure - Justin announced that he is working on a summer brochure. It will be sent out to the schools and around town. Louise had an example from the years past. Louise brought up that the Recreational Guidebook needs to be updated.

May Programs – Justin mentioned all the May programs. May 3 – Scrapbook Day at Columbia Hall from 10-3pm, Justin will be there and no help is needed from the committee. May 10 – Meet the Author at Columbia Hall, from 1-3pm. Louise will head this up and no help is needed for the committee. May 17 – Fun Fair, 10 -2pm. Justin will set up an information table for this event and stay to answer questions. No help is needed from the committee. May 17 – “Where do the Children Play” presentation at Columbia Hall, from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. There will be a movie/discussion and guest speaker upstairs and nature activities downstairs by the Nature Museum. All members are asked to help out in any way. Justin will be there at 3pm to start set-up. We need help setting up, cleaning up and especially with the kids’ activities while the movie is playing for the adults.

Movie in the Park – Justin has hired a company to come to Houston fields to show a movie. Justin suggested the movie E.T. The committee agreed. There will be a band playing

beforehand and he asked that all members help out with concessions, parking and set-up. The movie will be June 21 on Memorial field.

Others: Justin mentioned that he hosted a red-cross babysitting course and it was sold out. He added another class for June. It was also mentioned that we look into a red-cross program called "Safe on my Own".

Louise talked a bit about the July 4th celebration and about the planning sessions.

Louise mentioned that she has a senior hiking guidebook that she will donate for seniors.

Mark had some ideas for programs, they included the Polar Express Train and seeing if we could get into the lottery for tickets? He inquired if Hopkinton had a Maple Syrup Weekend or if we can include Hopkinton on a stop. Do we have an apple festival? He talked about National Night and if Hopkinton participated or should participate?

Jessica mentioned that during the winter if we could host some activities in the High school gym or have indoor place for kids to exert energy in the winter. Justin talked a bit about the Tumbling Tots program and how it helps with activity. Jessica would like to see an open play area opened more often. Jessica also mentioned about having a Truck Day, where kids could climb on trucks, fire trucks, police cars. It was brought up that they have some at the Fun Fair and Louise looked into that for the July 4th celebration.

Other Business:

Email list serve update: Justin has started to use the service provided by our web-server.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 27 @ 6:00 PM at the Slusser Senior Center.

We are adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin La Vigne